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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION AT UNGA

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1. I DREW ON REFTEL AND OTHER INDICATED MATERIALS FOR A FULL PRESENTATION OF OUR POSITION ON KOREA TO FOREIGN SECRETARY KHATRI WHEN I MET WITH HIM ON AUGUST 7. I STRESSED U.S. DEEP INTEREST AND CONCERN AND THE STRONG FEELINGS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ON THE KOREAN QUESTION AND SOLICITED GON SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTION WE ARE COSPONSORING IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. I NOTED THAT RESOLUTION WAS RESPONSIVE TO THE NEPALESE POLICY VIEW MADE KNOWN TO US REPEATEDLY THAT UN INVOLVEMENT IN KOREA SHOULD BE TERMINATED. AS KHATRI PUT IT: "THE UN SHOULDN'T STAY IN THESE PLACES FOREVER." KHATRI ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS WAS THE THRUST OF OUR PROPOSAL AND INDICATED ASSENT TO THE PROPOSITION THAT THE ARMISTICE AND EFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS UNDER IT NEEDED TO BE CONTINUED IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA. HE THOUGHT THESE ONGOING MODALITIES SHOULD BE SETTLED BY THE PARTIES CONCERNED. I NOTED THAT THE PROPOSED GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION, IN OPERATIVE PARA 2, PROPERLY PUT THIS SUBJECT IN THE HANDS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND IN THE CON-
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TEXT OF DEVISING OF ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH DISCUSSIONS AMONG

THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO DISSOLVE THE UN COMMAND WHILE MAINTAINING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. I ALSO NOTED THAT WE HAD PLACED ON FORMAL RECORD THE READINESS OF THE U.S. AND KOREA TO DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS WITH THE OTHER PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED.

2. KHATRI DID NOT AT ANY TIME DURING THIS DISCUSSION RESPOND DIRECTLY TO MY REQUEST FOR GON SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, HE RAISED NO OBJECTION TO EITHER THE THRUST OF THE RESOLUTION OR ON POINTS OF DETAIL AND HIS ATTITUDE COULD ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS POSITIVE.

3. WE WILL SEEK ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS ON KOREA WITH GON OFFICIALS HERE AS THE UNGA APPROACHES. I WOULD ALSO STRONGLY URGE THAT FULL DISCUSSIONS BE UNDERTAKEN IN NEW YORK WITH AMBASSADOR UPADHYAYA, NEPALESE PERMREP TO THE UN. UPADHYAYA CARRIES A LOT OF WEIGHT ON UN ISSUES WITH THE HOME GOVERNMENT.

4. ON OTHER ASPECTS OF THE KOREAN QUESTION, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY WAS CATEGORICAL IN AFFIRMING THAT THE PRESENCE OF U.S. TROOPS IN KOREA WAS A BILATERAL MATTER BETWEEN THE U. S. AND THE ROK AND NOT A CONCERN OF THE UN. IN RESPONSE TO MY COMMENTS ON THE QUESTION OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE BASED ON PARA 3 OF REFTEL, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY STATED FLATLY THAT THE NEPALESE POSITION AT LIMA WOULD BE EVEN-HANDED. HE WAS CLEARLY SKEPTICAL THAT NORTH KOREA WAS ENTITLED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP AND THOUGHT THAT THE ISSUE INVOLVED IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA IN THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP SHOULD BE EXAMINED BY A MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

5. WITH REFERENCE TO STATE 186527 JUST RECEIVED, ROK SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE SOYONG CHUNG, CURRENTLY IN KATHMANDU, PLANS TO PRESS FOREIGN MINISTER ARYAL TO SPEAK OUT ON KOREAN MEMBERSHIP ISSUE AT LIMA.

6. I APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S PROMPT AND FULL RESPONSE WITH INSTRUCTIONS AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS FOR MY DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY.

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